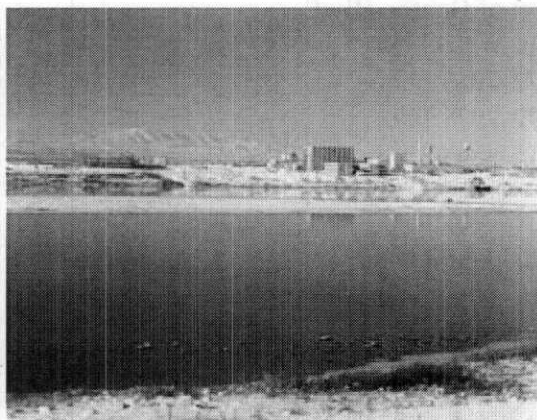




Public Comment Period

Hanford Site Air Operating Permit Modification

March 20 through April 21, 2006



A view of the 300 Area across the Columbia River

The Washington State Department of Ecology seeks your input on a significant modification to the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit (AOP). These changes will remove the 324 and 327 Buildings in the 300 Area of the Hanford Site from the AOP. The emissions from these buildings will no longer be regulated by the AOP. Ecology will submit a draft permit modification for public comment. The public comment period will run from March 20 through April 21, 2006.

Background

The 300 Area was the center for many Hanford Site research and development projects. The 324 and 327 Buildings were constructed as research and laboratory facilities to support defense and energy research. The permit holder is the U.S. Department of Energy - Richland Operations Office, PO Box 550, Richland, WA 99352.

How will the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit change?

The permit modification will remove requirements for monitoring and control of radioactive air emissions at the 324 and 327 Buildings. Instead, the air emissions will be regulated by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) in the new 300 Area removal action work plan. The work plan involves decontaminating and decommissioning the buildings, their stacks, and related facilities.

How do I view related documents?

The proposed modifications to the AOP can be viewed online at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/nwp/commentperiods.htm>. During the comment period, the modifications are available for public review Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., at the Department of Ecology Nuclear Waste Program Library, located at 3100 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, WA. To make an appointment to review the documents call (509) 372-7920. The AOP can also be viewed at one of the public information repositories listed below.

Portland

Portland State University
Branford Price and Miller Library
934 SW Harrison
Attn: Judy Andrews (503) 725-4126

Seattle

University of Washington
Suzzallo Library
Government Publications Division
Attn: Eleanor Chase (206) 543-4664

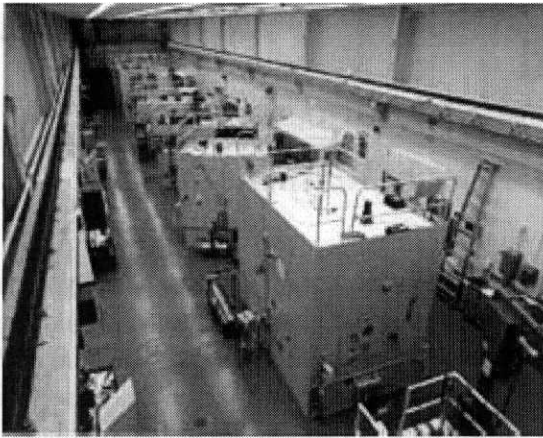
Richland

U.S. Dept. of Energy Reading Room
Consolidated Information Center, Room 101-L
2770 University Dr.
Attn: Janice Parthree (509) 372-7443

Spokane

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Foley Center
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Building 324 in the 300 Area

How do I make a comment?

Please send all comments in writing to:

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Ecology will consider and respond to all comments received during the public comment period. No public hearing is scheduled at this time; however, Ecology will consider requests for a hearing. Please contact Tanya Williams at (509) 372-7883 or tawi461@ecy.wa.gov to request a public hearing.

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Tell Us What You Think!

You are invited to participate in the decision to modify the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit. Public comments are critical to Ecology's decision making process. Look inside to learn more about the proposed changes to the Hanford Site Air Operating Permit.